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I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine of 26 August 1992 concerning the implementation of Security Council resolution 757 (1992).

I kindly request Your Excellency to have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE

Reports have recently been appearing in the mass information media of foreign countries, including some member countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, to the effect that Ukrainian vessels plying the Danube are delivering goods and cargoes to ports in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), thus breaching the Security Council sanctions against that country.

In this connection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine is authorized to make the following statement.

Ukraine, as a Member of the United Nations, has always demonstrated its devotion to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and has unconditionally supported the efforts of the Security Council to strengthen international peace and security.

Ukraine not only supports the relevant decisions of the United Nations regarding the settlement of the situation in the former Yugoslavia, but is also participating in the activity of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in Sarajevo. Ukraine supports Security Council resolution 757 (1992) on sanctions against Yugoslavia, and is convinced that implementation of that resolution's provisions will promote a settlement of the crisis in the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the basis of strict compliance by all parties to the conflict with the principle of non-use of force, observance of human rights and protection of all national minorities.

On 17 June 1992, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted Order No. 342, which requires the ministries and departments of Ukraine, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Crimea, local state offices, enterprises, combines, organizations and institutions engaging in export-import operations, water and air communications, servicing of vessels and aircraft, including insurance services, and in sporting, scientific and cultural links with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to ensure unconditional support for the relevant provisions of Security Council resolution 757 (1992).

The state organs, enterprises and organizations of Ukraine are taking concrete measures to monitor full compliance with the requirements of the above resolution. An investigation of the reports referred to above by the appropriate state organs has not confirmed the existence of violations of the United Nations sanctions by Ukraine. During July and August 1992, ships of Ukrrechflot made a number of transshipments through the Serbian Danube port of Prahovo, in which goods delivered by river were transshipped to the railway and forwarded to Skopje (Macedonia). These shipments do not contravene the provisions of resolution 757 (1992), which permits all forms of transit through the territory of Yugoslavia.

When vessels leave Ukrainian ports, the organs of the State Customs Committee in the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine conduct a careful inspection of the cargoes in accordance with the requirements established by the Security Council Committee on sanctions. Cargoes going to Yugoslavia are allowed through the border only if documentation exists which confirms that they are in transit.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirms that Ukraine is scrupulously discharging its obligations and has no intention of violating the sanctions against Yugoslavia.

26 August 1992